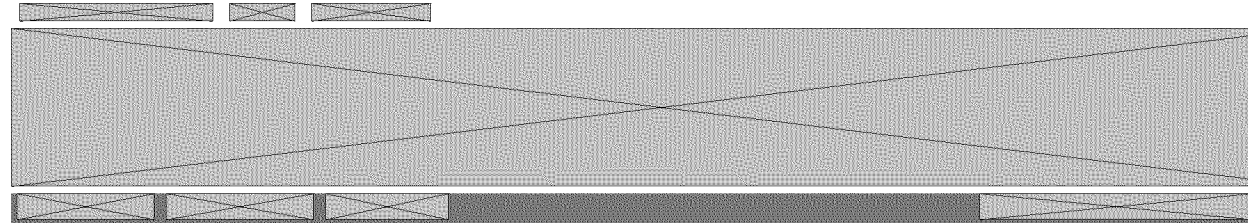


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## NEWS

### Air Pollution

#### [D.C. Circuit Halts Power Plant Startup Lawsuits](#)

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit halted a pair of lawsuits over power plant startup provisions included in the mercury and air toxics standards, pending a decision on whether those standards should remain in place...

### Air Pollution

#### [Eight Areas Should Get Ozone Extension, EPA Finds](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency proposed to grant eight nonattainment areas, including the Washington, D.C., and Houston metropolitan areas, an additional year to meet the current national ambient air quality standards for ozone....

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#### [Lawsuit Seeks EPA Carbon Monoxide Review Documents](#)

The Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility sued the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General for failure to release documents related to a review of carbon monoxide exposure studies (Pub. Emp. for...

### Climate Change

#### [Antarctic Ice Melt Predictions Covered in Study](#)

Antarctic ice melt could raise global sea levels by as much as 20 centimeters by the end of the century—enough to fill the Caspian Sea—and by close to 50 centimeters by 2200 under a worst-case scenario calculated by researchers...

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#### [Study: China's Carbon Emissions Lower Than Thought](#)

China's carbon emissions since the turn of the century were significantly lower than estimated by

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international organizations, the journal Nature reported Aug. 19, basing its finding in large part on a closer scrutiny of the type of coal...

#### Climate Regulation

##### Consolidation Denied in Clean Power Plan Lawsuits

A federal appellate court denied an emergency motion from 15 states seeking to consolidate their legal challenge to the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan with other pending appeals (In re West Virginia, D.C. Cir. , No....

#### Coal Mining

##### Environmentalism Snaps Up Mines to Sell Coal With Carbon Credits From Planting Trees

An environmentalist is scooping up mines from bankrupt Patriot Coal Corp., betting he can turn the scorned fuel green and help revive the struggling Appalachian region....

#### Drinking Water

##### Drinking Water Levels of PFOA Unsafe, Group Says

Concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) found in water systems serving 6.5 million Americans are harmful even though they are below a federal advisory level, according to a report the Environmental Working Group will release Aug....

#### Elections

##### Colorado Mine Spill Seeps Into Presidential Race

The spill of 3 million gallons of metals and sediment into Colorado's Animas River gushed into the presidential race conversation, as Republican contender Ben Carson toured the site and promised "a different kind" of Environmental...

#### Enforcement

##### Two More Executives Plead Guilty in Elk River Spill

The last of six Freedom Industries executives charged with triggering a 10-day drinking water crisis for 300,000 residents in West Virginia pleaded guilty Aug. 19 in federal court to three pollution charges United States v. Farrell, S.D....

#### Hazmat Transport

##### Judge Rejects Negligence Claims Against Norfolk, CSX

Norfolk Southern Railway Co. and CSX Transportation Inc. aren't liable for negligence in the derailment of a train carrying toxic cargo in Paulsboro, N.J., because neither company owned the train that derailed, employed the crew or operated...

#### Hydraulic Fracturing

##### Fracking Ban Cases Sent to Colorado Supreme Court

The Colorado Court of Appeals has sent challenges by the oil and gas industry of two local government hydraulic fracturing bans directly to the state Supreme Court for review (Colo. Oil and Gas Ass'n v. Longmont, Colo. Ct. App., No. 14CA1759,...

#### Oil & Gas

##### 12 Senators Seek SEC Review of Offshore Drilling Risk Disclosures

Twelve senators opposed to offshore oil and gas drilling sent a letter Aug. 18 to the Securities and Exchange Commission asking the agency to review the risk disclosures of companies engaged in drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf....

#### Pesticides

##### USGS Finds Low Levels of Neonics in Numerous Waterways

Low levels of neonicotinoid insecticides were found in almost two-thirds of streams tested by U.S. Geological Survey researchers, according to a USGS study published online Aug. 18 in the journal

Environmental Chemistry....

Radioactive Waste

**Yucca Would Have Small Impact on Groundwater, NRC Says**

The proposed nuclear repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain would have a small impact on local groundwater, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission analysis found....

Regulatory Policy

**California PUC Considers Expanding Public Record Access**

The California Public Utilities Commission, under heat for cozy relationships with the regulated community, is proposing increased public access for all records submitted to regulators....

Renewable Energy

**China Sees Consolidation of Solar Companies**

China's government said Aug. 19 that it expects consolidation to accelerate among solar companies, which are struggling to cope with a shift in market conditions. Companies with the strongest technology, capital, management and brands...

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**SkyPower Lines Up \$12B in Deals for Solar Power**

Seven years ago, Kerry Adler watched as the disaster at Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. scuttled his vision of renewable power riches. Today, he has reassembled assets from the collapsed investment bank, laying the foundation for a green energy...

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**Solar Developers Benefitting From Crowdfunding in China**

When Kong Sun Holdings Ltd. went looking for money to build a small-scale solar power plant in Inner Mongolia, large banks weren't interested....

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**Wind Turbine Makers Become Top Stock Performers as Growth Surges**

Europe's wind turbine makers are becoming top performers in the stock market as orders surge and the industry enjoys the fruits of cost cutting in years past....

Trade

**Chinese Solar-Panel Maker Loses EU Duty Exemption**

Chinese solar-panel producer Znshine PV-Tech Co. lost its exemption from European Union tariffs after EU trade authorities said the company breached the terms of a price-floor agreement....

Vehicle Fuels

**Cheap Oil's Making It Tough for Ethanol to Pay the Bills**

Cheap crude oil may make it hard for ethanol companies to pay their bills on time....

Water Pollution

**Advisory Finally Lifted for Tennessee Creek Segment**

A water contact advisory for 1.8 miles of Oostanaula Creek in Athens, Tenn., in place for more than 30 years, has been lifted. In an Aug. 17 announcement, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation said the advisory was posted...

Water Pollution

**Animas Spill Highlights Quest for Good Samaritan Bill**

The Environmental Protection Agency's accidental spill of historic mining waste into the Animas River could improve chances for the passage of a bill in Congress to encourage good Samaritans

to clean up abandoned mines, Sen. Michael...

#### Water Pollution

##### Asphalt Oil Maker to Pay for Clean Water Act Violations

A Missouri manufacturer of asphalt oil will pay more than \$200,000 to resolve charges that it violated the Clean Water Act and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act at a facility located next to the Eleven Point River in southern...

#### Water Pollution

##### Pavement Sealant Maker Fined \$10M for Discharges

An asphalt sealant manufacturer in Atlanta faces a \$10 million fine for water pollution violations, but a full site cleanup is more likely to result from a related lawsuit still pending against the property owner, according to the plaintiff,...

#### Water Resources

##### Plan for Calif. Desalination Plant Called 'Feasible'

An independent evaluation of water intake options for a proposed desalination plant in Orange County, Calif., appears to support a plan by the company developing the project to use existing pipes from an old power plant to withdraw seawater....

## SPECIAL REPORT

#### Fuel Efficiency

##### California Has a Plan to End the Auto Industry as We Know It

Sergio Marchionne had a funny thing to say about the \$32,500 battery-powered Fiat 500e that his company markets in California as "eco-chic."...

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